

REMARKS

This is a response to the Restriction Requirement that was issued on March 25, 2005 for the above-identified patent application. Prior to entry of this response, claims 1-78 were pending and subject to restriction. As set forth in the Restriction Requirement, the claims are divisible into two patentably distinct groups, namely, claims 1-71 (Group I) and claims 72-78 (Group 2). If Group I is elected, Applicant is also required to elect between the species shown in Fig. 3 (Species A) and the species shown in Fig. 4 (Species B). Applicant is also required to identify which claims are generic to or read upon the elected species.

In response, Applicant elects Group I and Species A. In view of this election, claims 72-78 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicant is not abandoning the subject matter of claims 72-78 and understands that it may resume prosecution of these claims in a related application.

Applicant submits that claims 1-17 and 35-52 are generic to both elected species, and that claims 19-22, 24-28, 53-58, and 60-64 recite subject matter that is disclosed in both Species A and B. Claims 19, 23, 28-34, 59 and 65-71 recite subject matter that is disclosed elsewhere in the specification (inclusive of the figures). Accordingly, Applicant expects claims 19, 23, 28-34, 59 and 65-71 to be withdrawn from initial examination in view of the required election of species. However, each of these withdrawn claims depends from a claim that is within the elected species or which is generic to both identified species. Therefore, Applicant understands that it will be entitled to consideration, or rejoinder, of these claims upon allowance of a claim from which they depend.

With the entry of the above amendments, and for the reasons discussed herein, Applicant submits that all of the issues raised in the first Office action Restriction Requirement have been addressed and overcome. If there are any remaining issues or if the Examiner has any questions, Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached at the number listed below. Similarly, if the Examiner believes that a telephone interview may be productive in advancing prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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